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## **TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Four-Month Extension of Time (1 pg);
- 2. Check No. 18664 in the amount of \$740.00 to cover extension fee; and,
- 3. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No.15966-697 (CURA-197). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Appeal filed on November 12, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 12, 2004. A check in the amount of \$740.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

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